

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, AWACS, UK  
SUBJECT: AEW NIMROD: UK PRESS COVERAGE

REFERENCE: LONDON 2944

1. UK PRESS GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TODAY TO YESTER-  
DAY'S UNVEILING OF HAWKER SIDDELEY AND MARCONI ELLIOTT  
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NIMROD AEW AIRCRAFT AT WOODFORD, NEAR MANCHESTER. AS WE  
EXPECTED THE PLAY IN THE QUALITY PRESS ON THIS MATTER IS  
STAUNCHLY PRO-NIMROD. PREDICTABLY, STRESS IS LAID ON  
BENEFITS TO UK IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, WORK CONTENT,  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE SAVINGS, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR BRITISH  
ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY OF SELECTION OF NIMROD.

2. FOLLOWING TITLES FOR ARTICLES ON THIS SUBJECT REFLECT WELL THE THOUGHT AND TENOR OF THE COMMENTARY:  
"SEEING-EYE NIMROD IS MATCH FOR US EARLY-ALERT PLANE" (DAILY TELEGRAPH); "BESWICK BACKS FIGHT FOR NIMROD ORDER" (FINANCIAL TIMES); "BONN UNDECIDED OVER AWACS" (FINANCIAL TIMES); "I AM PLATYPUS--FLY ME, HAWKER TELLS NATO" (THE GUARDIAN); AND "250 MILLION POUNDS CONTEST FOR RADAR SYSTEM" (THE TIMES).

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## Message Attributes

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